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1. Air America -- Porter Crash: On this date I advised the Executive Committee that an autopsy of a pilot who I thought was the pilot for the helicopter that crashed two weeks ago indicated that he had been struck by ground fire and died while piloting the plane. After I returned to the office, information indicated that the pilot on whom the autopsy was conducted was the one who was flying the Porter aircraft which crashed on 19 August killing 13 people. I asked [REDACTED] to check this out and I will so correct my statement to the Executive Committee on Monday, 25 August.

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2. ADP Operations: Following the presentation to the Director by [REDACTED] on 20 August 1969 on the ADP program of the Agency, the Director advised that he would issue some guidelines as to how the program should be managed and conducted. Prior to the meeting the DD/S and ADD/S had briefed the Executive Director on a proposal for the management of the Agency ADP program designed to overcome a principal deficiency as experienced at this time. While the DD/S has 19% of the capability of OCS computers on the other hand the DD/S has 100% responsibility for emplacing computers into operation. These factors include space in buildings, power and air conditioning supplements, screen rooms, building alterations and special construction, establishing of the communications network and all the supporting actions to put a computer application into practical operation. It was pointed out that new computer programs are frequently developed by components of the Agency with the assistance of outside contractors and are structured separate and independent of any existing computer program within the Agency. There is generally no advance interface with the components of the DD/S as to long-range planning and utilization of existing or planned facilities. The only current mechanism that has responsibility to oversee new programs is the Information Processing Committee, however, they really do not get into action until the purchase of computers themselves is proposed. Using this as a back door technique the IPC then backs into the proposed computer program for study and approval purposes. My contention is that this is a backward approach and that any component considering new computer application or program should first present the program to the IPC on a conceptualized basis for approval in principle with the technical

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developments to be subsequently worked out including the ultimate computer which will perform the main job. The program should then be reviewed by a technical staff to determine whether this new program can be accommodated by existing computers and facilities within the Agency or whether new facilities must be created. We have no technical committee to perform this function and accordingly one should be created. Accordingly, I wish to establish under the control of the DD/S a computer facility review committee comprised of technical representatives from Offices of Computer Services, Communications, Logistics, Security and Chief, Plans Staff (O/DD/S). The ADD/S will have oversight of the operations of this committee. The purpose of the committee will be to review all proposed new computer applications and to provide within existing facilities or by the creation of new facilities the planning and accomplishment of proposed program objectives.

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With the above as a concept of operation, I ask that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] develop the outline of a computer facility review committee so that this can be discussed with OCS, PPB and the respective offices of the DD/S.

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(NOTE: Copies of this Diary Note (22 Aug 69) made for [REDACTED]

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